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Applicant has submitted a new complete claim set indicating marked up claims with insertions and deletions indicated by underlining and strikeouts, respectively.

Please cancel claims 6 and 29 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend pending claims 1, 5, 7, 28, 30, and 37 as noted below.

1. (Currently amended) A method for delivery of dendritic cells to a secondary lymphoid tissue of a subject, wherein selectin ligand molecules are expressed on cells of the secondary lymphoid tissue, comprising

providing isolated dendritic cells which are genetically modified to express on the cell surface ~~a selectin polypeptide comprising an endothelial selectin ligand binding portion of a selectin selected from the group consisting of L-selectin, E-selectin and P-selectin~~ an E/L-selectin chimera that contains the transmembrane and intracellular domains of L-selectin and the extracellular domain of E-selectin, and

administering the isolated genetically modified dendritic cells to the subject.

2.-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) A method for delivery of dendritic cells to a non-lymphoid tissue of a subject where selectin ligands are expressed on endothelial cells of the non-lymphoid tissue, comprising

providing isolated dendritic cells which are genetically modified to express on the cell surface ~~a selectin polypeptide comprising an endothelial selectin ligand binding portion of a selectin selected from the group consisting of L-selectin, E-selectin and P-selectin~~ an E/L-selectin chimera that contains the transmembrane and intracellular domains of L-selectin and the extracellular domain of E-selectin, and

administering the isolated genetically modified dendritic cells to the subject.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of providing isolated dendritic cells comprises isolating dendritic cells from the subject and transfecting the isolated dendritic cells with a nucleic acid molecule which encodes the ~~selectin polypeptide~~ E/L-selectin chimera.

8.-11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of providing isolated dendritic cells further comprises treating the isolated transfected dendritic cells with isolated activated platelets or membrane microparticles thereof which contain P selectin.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the isolated dendritic cells are administered intravenously.

14. (Previously presented) A method for delivery of dendritic cells to a secondary lymphoid tissue of a subject, wherein selectin ligand molecules are expressed on cells of the secondary lymphoid tissue, comprising

providing isolated dendritic cells,
treating the isolated dendritic cells with isolated activated platelets or membrane microparticles thereof which contain P selectin to form platelet modified dendritic cells, and
administering the isolated platelet modified dendritic cells to the subject.

15.-17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously presented) A method for delivery of dendritic cells to a non-lymphoid tissue of a subject where selectin ligands are expressed on endothelial cells of the non-lymphoid tissue, comprising

providing isolated dendritic cells,
treating the isolated dendritic cells with isolated activated platelets or membrane microparticles thereof which contain P selectin to form platelet modified dendritic cells, and
administering the isolated platelet modified dendritic cells to the subject.

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the step of providing isolated dendritic cells further comprises culturing the isolated dendritic cells to expand the isolated dendritic cells.

20. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the isolated platelet modified dendritic cells are administered intravenously.

21. (Previously presented) A method for delivery of dendritic cells to a secondary lymphoid tissue of a subject, wherein selectin ligand molecules are expressed on cells of the secondary lymphoid tissue, comprising

- providing isolated dendritic cells,
- providing isolated activated platelets or membrane microparticles thereof which contain P selectin,
- administering the isolated dendritic cells and the isolated activated platelets or membrane microparticles thereof to the subject, wherein the isolated activated platelets or membrane microparticles thereof are administered prior to or concurrently with the isolated dendritic cells.

22.-24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously presented) A method for delivery of dendritic cells to a non-lymphoid tissue of a subject where selectin ligands are expressed on endothelial cells of the non-lymphoid tissue, comprising

- providing isolated dendritic cells,
- providing isolated activated platelets or membrane microparticles thereof which contain P selectin,
- administering the isolated dendritic cells and the isolated activated platelets or membrane microparticles thereof to the subject, wherein the isolated activated platelets or membrane microparticles thereof are administered prior to or concurrently with the isolated dendritic cells.

26.-27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently amended) A composition comprising isolated dendritic cells which are genetically modified to express on the cell surface ~~a selectin polypeptide comprising an endothelial selectin ligand binding portion of a selectin selected from the group consisting of L-selectin, E-selectin and P-selectin~~ an E/L-selectin chimera that contains the transmembrane and intracellular domains of L-selectin and the extracellular domain of E-selectin.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 28, wherein the amount of the ~~selectin polypeptide~~ E/L-selectin chimera expressed on the cell surface is greater than the naturally occurring amount of ~~the a selectin polypeptide~~ expressed on the cell surface *in vitro* and is sufficient to target the genetically modified dendritic cells to peripheral lymph nodes.

31.-35. (Canceled)

36. (Original) A composition comprising isolated dendritic cells and isolated activated platelets or membrane microparticles thereof which contain P selectin.

37. (Currently amended) A composition comprising the composition of claim 28 and an antigen, wherein the dendritic cells are loaded with or transfected to express the antigen.

38.-47. (Canceled)

48. (Previously presented) A method for stimulating an immune response to an antigen in a subject comprising
administering to the subject the composition of claim 37.

49.-50. (Canceled)